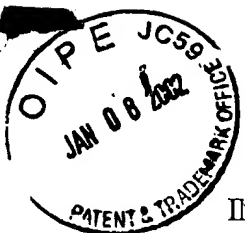


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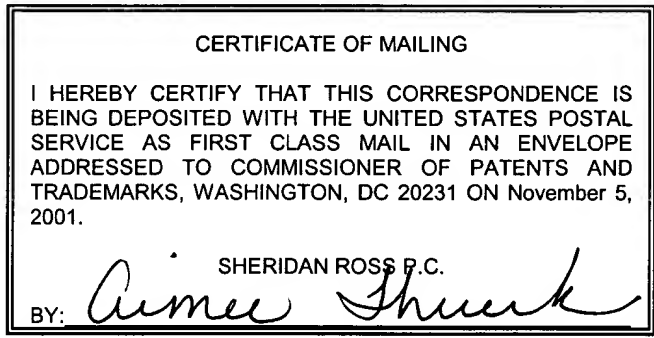


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:)
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McGINNIS et al.)
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Serial No.: 09/877,525)
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Filed: June 8, 2001)
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Atty. File No.: 3123-361)
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR)
INCREASING THE DEVICE COUNT)
ON A SINGLE ATA BUS)

Group Art Unit: 2181
Examiner:
REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231



Dear Sir:

Applicants, through their attorneys, respectfully petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) of one (1) month to respond to the Notice to File Missing Parts mailed on August 6, 2001, with respect to the above-identified application, thereby extending the period for response from October 6, 2001, to November 6, 2001.

The fee in the amount of \$110.00 for the extension request is enclosed. Please credit any overpayment or debit any underpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-1970.

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